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## FROM FIELD AND STUDY

**White Ibis at Fremantle.**—On January 7, 1956, my brother Waverney and I made our first acquaintance with the White Ibis (*Threskiornis aethiopica*), when a single bird was seen in the company of several Straw-necked Ibis at Bibra Lake, six miles east of Fremantle. The ibis were feeding along the eastern shore of the lake. We again observed the ibis on February 4.

—JULIAN R. FORD, Fremantle.

**Wambenger (*Phascogale penicillata*) at Coolup.**—On December 19, 1955, Mr. J. D. Cox of Coolup brought me a Wambenger which his cat had caught. He stated that this was the first specimen he had seen though he had lived at Arthgarven, Coolup, for 40 odd years and now farmed part of the original property. The farm is situated between the South-West Highway and the Murray River, about 5 miles south of Pinjarra. Most other old residents of the districts whom I have contacted have never noted the animal here, but T. M. Smith, of West Coolup, recalled seeing one about 15 years ago. J. D. Cox's specimen was a male; weight 5 $\frac{3}{4}$  oz.; testis, 7.3 x 5.3 mm.; stomach, practically empty but contained some small fragments of a gecko (*Phyllodactylus* sp.) and remains of at least two small insects, one a beetle.

—ANGUS ROBINSON, "Yanjettec," Coolup.

**Crested Pigeon at Shackleton.**—A Crested Pigeon (*Ocyphaps lophotes*) has appeared in this district, considerably south of its recorded range. The bird first appeared at a farm near Kokerbin Hill, 8 miles north-west of Shackleton. After a few weeks it disappeared and was next seen at our farm, which is 6 miles north-east of Shackleton on May 20, 1956. The stiff, erect crest, deep coral pink legs, and characteristic habit of cocking its tail on alighting positively identify the bird.